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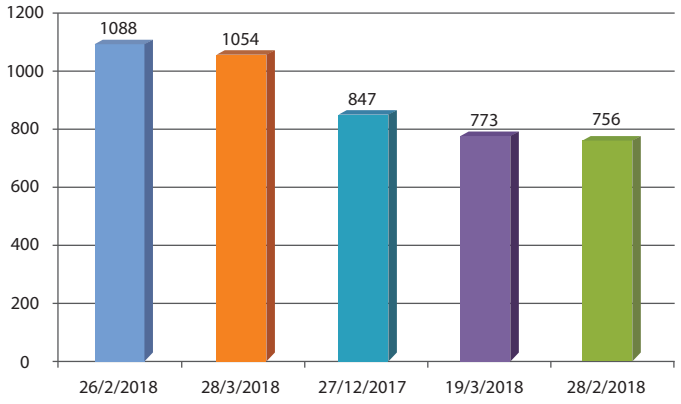
e-GP single day tender opening hits record

On 26 February 2018, the electronic government procurement (e-GP) system made a record with successful opening of the highest number of tenders in single day since it came into operation.

A total of 1088 tenders invited by various procuring entities were successfully opened on the day. This is the highest number of tender opened till date in e-GP system in any single day.

Since the invitation of the first tender on 23 August 2011, e-GP has been witnessing a sharp growth. From 2012 the ICT-based online procurement system experienced an exponential growth in terms of both value and volume.



After the establishment of the new and wider-capacity data centre at BCC and CPTU in 2017, the e-GP system is also running better. The number of total registered users of e-GP up to February 2018 stood at around 72 thousand.

Planning Minister visits public procurement system in Turkey, UK

Planning Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal, FCA, MP led a delegation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Planning to Turkey and the UK starting from January 25 up to January 31, 2018. The objective of the visit was to observe public procurement systems of Turkey and the UK to acquire practical experiences in practices prevailing in those countries with specific reference to digitization of their procurement procedures.

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On Janaury 25, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey and Chairman, Bangladesh-Turkey Joint Economic Commission Bekir Bozdag led the Turkish side in a meeting with the Bangladesh delegation. The Turkish DPM appreciated the socio-economic progress achieved by Bangladesh and expressed Turkish interest in further exploring business opportunities in the country. On January 26, 2018, the Bangladesh delegation was briefed about role, structure and functions of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA), overview of public procurement system and e-procurement in Turkey.

Minister for Development of Turkey Lutfi Elvan also met Minister for Planning and discussed about public procurement and issues of mutual interest.

On January 29, the Planning Minister was briefed about UK public procurement system by Crown Commercial Service, UK in London.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on MoP observes public procurement in NZ, Australia

Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Planning in February 2018 visited New Zealand and Australia to see for themselves public procurement and on-line procurement systems of those countries.

Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee Abul Kalam Azad MP led the team of MPs to New Zealand and Australia from 25 February to 3rd March 2018.

The delegation attended a session on New Zealand public procurement system at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment in Wellington on February 27, 2018. They had another session on Australia public procurement in Canberra at the Department of Finance.

Workshop on e-GP Guidelines modifications

A workshop on modifications of e-GP Guidelines 2011 was held at Dream Square Resort at Maona in Gazipur on January 8-9, 2018. The CPTU arranged the two-day workshop. Md Mofizul Islam, Secretary, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, opened the workshop as chief guest. Director General of CPTU Md Faruque Hossain, former DG, CPTU and national trainer Amulya Kumar Debnath, Public Policy Implementation Adviser AKM Fazlul Karim, International e-GP Consultant Rajesh Kumar Shakya, IMED and CPTU officials and officials of various government agencies participated in the workshop. The workshop produced a number of recommendations which are now under further scrutiny.

The e-GP Guidelines was issued in 2011. After its implementation over the last years the stakeholders and CPTU have identified that a number of provisions need to be amended for smooth conduct of e-GP system.

Capacity building continues

Capacity building in public procurement management is a priority agenda of CPTU. As part of that process, capacity development of government officers in public procurement management under development and non-development budget is going on.

On 3 February 2018, training on public procurement management for three weeks started at ESCB, Gazaria, Munshiganj. A total of 550 officers are expected to get training there in about 17 batches.

Md. Mofizul Islam, Secretary, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, opened the training on 3 February 2018. The Director General of CPTU, Md Faruque Hossain, was also present. About 30 to 32 participants from various government offices took part in first batch of the residential training.

Fifth S Asia Public Procurement Conference held in New Delhi

RHD wins South Asia Innovation Award

The fifth South Asia Regional Public Procurement Conference was held in New Delhi, India, from 5-7 February 2018.

The fourth one was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2017 and the third in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2015. The DG, CPTU was the chairperson of South Asia Public Procurement Network in 2016. The SARPPC is an annual assemblage of heads of public procurement organization in South Asian countries under the auspices of SAPPN.

Director of CPTU Shish Haider Chowdhury and Senior System Analyst Md Mosharraf Hussain represented CPTU in the fifth conference.

This time Kazi Sayeda Momtaz, Computer System Analyst of Roads and Highways Department (RHD), won the South Asia Procurement Innovation Award for her case story titled, "Innovations in procurement process and selection that lead to improved outcomes: Tenderers' Database Management System." She received the crest and citation during the fifth in New Delhi, India.

In 2016 Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) also won the award for its case story on the piloting of Citizen Engagement in Public Procurement. Dr Mirza Hassan of BIGD had received the award in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during the fourth SARPPC. The World Bank, ADB and Islamic Development Bank co-sponsored the fourth SARPPC in Colombo.

South Asia Regional Public Procurement Network (SAPPN), the World Bank and Procurement iNET had launched the South Asia Procurement Innovation Awards 2017 like that in 2016.

Case stories from Government and Public Sector Procurement organizations, entities, universities, research institutions, NGOs/CBOs etc. were invited for the award.

There were six entries from Bangladesh for 2017 award.

IMED stall at Digital World draws attention

Electronic government procurement (e-GP) system which was displayed during December 6-9, 2017 at the annual ICT fair titled, "Digital World 2017", drew attention of a large number of visitors, especially tech-savvy people, mostly young generation.

Digitization of public procurement created great enthusiasm among the people as they came to learn about the government's preparation for making effective utilization of public funds in a transparent manner.

The Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Planning Ministry arranged a large-scale live display of the e-GP system.

Ziaul Karim, a college student who came to visit the Digital World 2017, was amazed to learn the features of public procurement. He said, "After visiting the pavilion of IMED, I came to know that the government's Digital Bangladesh programme has made tremendous progress."

"I am thrilled to see that system. It will ensure proper utilization of people's money and bring down corruption," he said adding, "The government is carrying out massive development activities and e-GP will reduce corruption in project implementation. This is much encouraging for the people, especially for the young generation. This has created much encouragement among us."

The ICT Division organized the annual digital fair as part of the government's vision to build a Digital Bangladesh by 2021. The Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) of IMED, Ministry of Planning, is implementing e-GP in Bangladesh with support from the World Bank.

Secretary, IMED, Md Mofizul Islam, Director General of CPTU Md Faruque Hossain and other officials for some time attended visitors at the pavilion. A selected number of staff members of IMED and CPTU attended the stall in shifts to explain e-GP, PMIS etc to visitors.

Display of CPTU live mobile app at the stall attracted the visitors. Besides, the live data of e-GP were scrolled on a large digital panel at the pavilion of IMED at the fair venue.

The Project Management Information System (PMIS) developed by IMED was displayed at the stall. Takeaway materials like e-GP pen, IMED brochure and e-GP registration flyer were distributed to visitors who took interest in e-GP system.

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IME Division holds annual picnic

Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), Ministry of Planning, had its annual family day at Survey and Settlement Camp, Savar on February 2018. Secretary, IME Division, Md Mofizul Islam was present in the picnic.

There was lot of fun in the picnic with children playing and singing. Raffle-draw was arranged. Secretary, IME Division, and other members of the staff also took part in the cultural programmme.

e-GP O&M contract signed with GSS Infotech, Dohatec

A ceremony on the occasion of signing a contract on operation and management of e-GP between CPTU and GSS Infotech, India and Dohatec New Media (nominated sub-consultant) was held at CPTU Conference Room on February 1, 2018.

The duration of the contract is 18 months. Director General of CPTU Md Faruque Hossain, Sanjay Heda, Chief Financial Officer, GSS Infotech, and Shamsuddoha, President of Dohatec New Media, signed the contract on behalf of their respective sides. On the occasion, the DG, CPTU expressed the hope that the firms will deliver their best possible services to keep e-GP operation smooth. He said that capacity of local IT firms needs to be enhanced and their participation in technological establishment is important.

Connecting women to business

Women's participation in business across world is much less than expected. In Bangladesh the number of business women is a few and in public procurement it is very insignificant. But their number needs to be increased in the greater interest of an equitable development of the country.

To understand the scenario and find ways to create more women entrepreneurship and connect women to business opportunities, WeConnect International and World Bank had a meeting with CPTU on January 22, 2018 at CPTU with its Director General Md Faruque Hossain in the chair.

Elizabeth A Vazquez, CEO, WeConnect International, Anja Robakowski-Van Stralen, Analyst, Trade and Competitveness Global Practice, Noa Gimeli, Senior Operaions Officer-Gender, World Bank, Hosna Ferdous Sumi, Private Sector Specialist, WB, Luna Shamsuddoha, Chairperson, Dohatec, Rageeb Kibria, Business Consultant, LightCastle, and other officials of CPTU were present in the meeting.

The meeting with the Director General of CPTU focused on working towards building meaningful connections for women owned businesses with corporate buyers. LightCastle is working as the Bangladeshi partner of WEConnect to help create connections and map out the current landscape of women owned businesses and corporations in Bangladesh.

IMED holds impact evaluation dissemination workshop

Md. Mofizul Islam, Secretary, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, at a dissemination workshop on "Impact Evaluation of Completed Projects and In-depth Monitoring of Ongoing Projects under ADP" at NEC Auditorium on 14 February 2018.

DIMAPPP progress review meeting

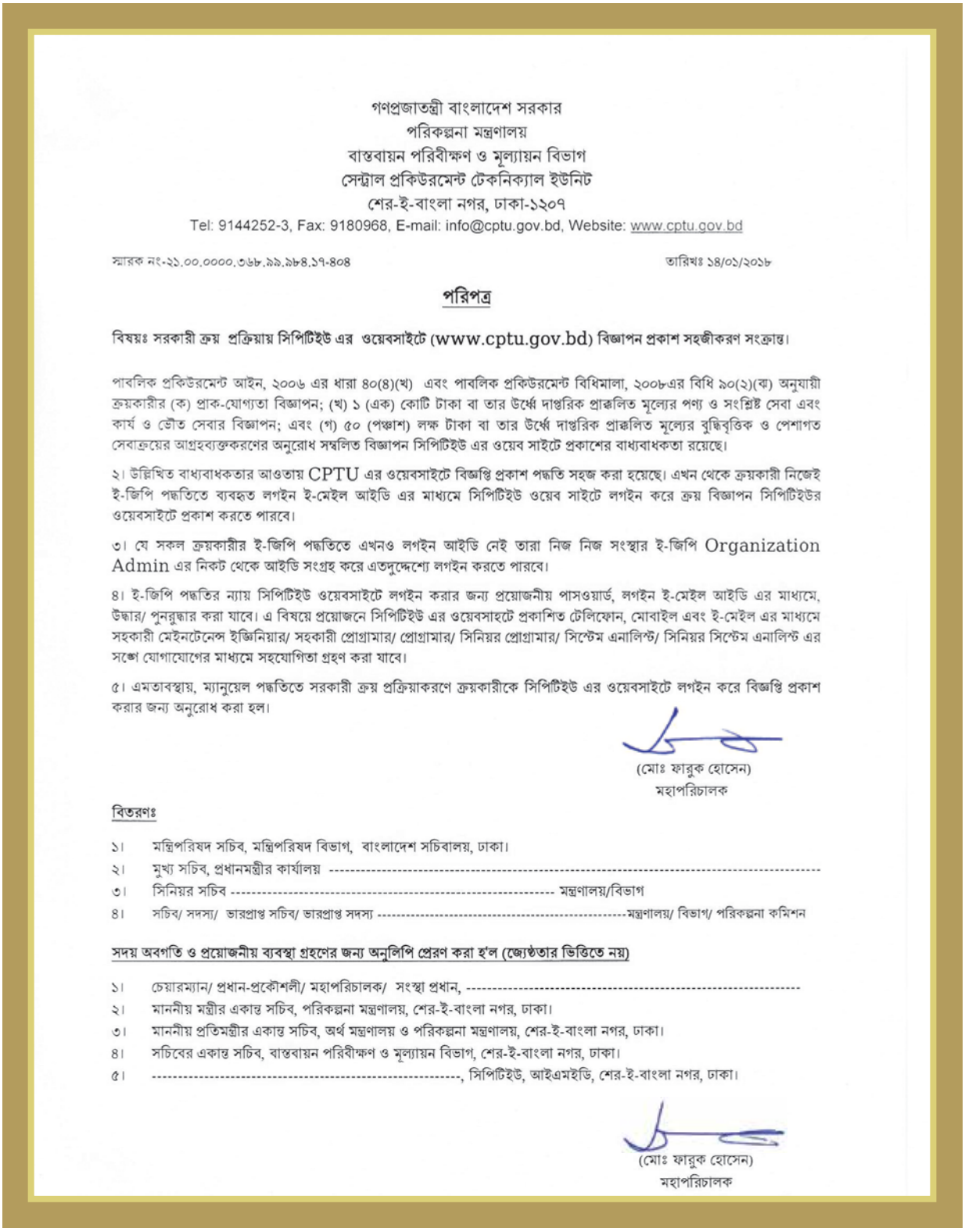
A review meeting on the progress of agreed decisions under DIMAPPP taken in November 2017 was held on Jan 16, 2018 at CPTU with its DG and Additional Secretary Md Faruque Hossain in the chair. Lead Procurement Specialist of World Bank Dr Zafrul Islam and other officials were also present.

PEs now upload their tender notices on CPTU website

As part of some key innovations in the domain of public procurement, CPTU has arranged uploading of tender notices/REOIs on its website by the concerned procuring entities themselves. Earlier PEs used to send those to CPTU and CPTU would post the notices. Publication of any tender valued at one crore taka and above is mandatory under the PPA 2006. This is in case of manual tender now.

CPTU developed the mechanism with the PEs giving them necessary advice and email and password related support. A notice has also been circulated which is also available on CPTU website (www.cptu.gov.bd).

Now the PEs have started it and if they face any problem CPTU is ready to provide necessary support.



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২। উল্লিখিত বাধ্যবাধকতার আওতায় CPTU এর ওয়েবসাইটে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশ পদ্ধতি সহজ করা হয়েছে। এখন থেকে ক্রয়কারী নিজেই ই-জিপি পদ্ধতিতে ব্যবহৃত লগইন ই-মেইল আইডি এর মাধ্যমে সিপিটিইউ ওয়েব সাইটে লগইন করে ক্রয় বিজ্ঞাপন সিপিটিইউর ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশ করতে পারবে।

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From the editor

Better performance holds the key

The main thrust of the government efforts is to reach its services to the doorsteps of the people in a hassle-free manner and to ensure quality of public services. For better service delivery, digitization of all public services has proved to be the single-most way to make this happen.

As part of that motto CPTU has digitized public procurement and established e-GP as an ICT-based online system. The e-GP with its earning has all potentials to be self-reliant. Therefore, a more systematic and corporatized management is urgent to give an impetus to the system and make it sustainable.

At the same time, CPTU as a nodal office needs more capacity and authority to effectively deal with public procurement in the country.

Public procurement is getting more importance with the development activities going up. With significant rise in national budget and ADP outlays every year the value of public procurement has also gone up. It is now estimated that yearly about 7 billion US dollars is spent on public procurement which was only 3 billion US dollars eight years ago.

Transparent use of such a large amount of public funds needs to ensure efficiency, effectiveness and economy to achieve value for money in public procurement.

CPTU needs to improve its performance further in order to play a greater role in improving public procurement management. But for that CPTU needs some autonomy and to be strengthened.

It is very heartening that the government has given go-ahead to strengthening of CPTU and now onus is to implement the plan to overcome all existing limitations. Since e-GP is a high-tech specialized operation, skilled manpower has to be engaged on a sustainable basis for the smooth functioning of the system.

CPTU is now implementing DIMAPPP with World Bank support that has, among others, a component to restructure CPTU and corporatize e-GP in the greater interest of establishing a sound working environment and management.

We are hopeful that with cooperation of all concerned we will be able to get things done.

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